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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-130-C - ORDER NO. 96-399
JUNE 10, 1996

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IN RE: Request of Bluffton Telephone Company,) ORDER GRANTING
Inc. for Approval of Depreciation Rates.) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the April 8, 1996 request of Bluffton Telephone Company (Bluffton or the Company) for approval of depreciation rates for various plant accounts which had been added since its last depreciation review in 1981.

The Commission's Executive Director requested that the Company publish its Notice of Filing in newspapers of General Circulation, one time, in the affected areas. The Company furnished its Affidavit of Publication. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed rates. We believe that all of the proposed depreciation rates are within the range of rates previously approved by the Commission for other local exchange carriers. The service lives implied from the proposed rates also appear to be reasonable. Because of these

considerations, the Commission therefore approves the requested depreciation rates.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)